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For: MELT GRANULATED COMPOSITION AND  
MODIFIED RELEASE DOSAGE FORM  
PREPARED FROM SAID COMPOSITION

Examiner: S. L. Howard

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, please consider the following remarks which begin on page 2 of this paper.